PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE GRAND CHAPTER

OF

Royal Arch Masons of Canada,

AT THE

FOURTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

HELD

AT THE TOWN OF BELLEVILLE, ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY,
THE 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A. I. 2391—A. D. 1861.

Ordered to be read in all Chapters and preserved.

ADDRESS:

JOHN CHARLES FRANCK, BELLEVILLE, GRAND **Z.**
THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, HAMILTON, GRAND SCRIBE **E.**

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Grand Chapter of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS.

At the Fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held at the Masonic Hall, in the town of Belleville, on the third Wednesday, the 20th day of February, A. L. 5861, A. D. 1861,—

PRESENT.

R. E. Comp. Thomas Duggan, as Grand Z.
" " Samuel D. Fowler, as " H.
" " Alfred A. Campbell, " J.
on the Throne.

" " Thomas B. Harris, Grand Scribe E.
" " Edwin Heathfield, " " N.
" " John Wonnacott, as " Principal Sojourner.
" " L. H. Henderson, as " Treasurer.
" " Thomas J. Angel, " Registrar.
V.E. " Donald Moodie, as " 1st Assistant Sojourner.
" " William H. Ponton, " 2nd " "
" " Manuel Northrup, as " Sword Bearer.
" " David Curtis, as " Director of Ceremonies.
" " George S. Graham, as " Organist.
" " C. J. Starling, as " Pursuivant.
" " Geo. J. Gillespie, } as " Stewards.
" " Jas. A. Preston, }
" James Geen, " Janitor.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

R. E. Comp. John C. Franck, Central District.
" " Thomas Duggan, Hamilton "

PAST.

R. E. Comp. William B. Simpson, Central District.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in Due form.

The Grand Scribes E. and N. having examined the Register, reported the following Representatives and Proxies of regularly Warranted Chapters, also, the Representatives and Proxies of Chapters under Dispensation, present, and recommend that they be admitted and take part in the proceedings of Grand Chapter :—

No. 1. ANCIENT FRONTENAC, KINGSTON.

R. E. Comp. Samuel D. Fowler, P.G.H., P.Z.
" " George F. La Serre, Z.
" " E. H. Parker, J.
" " " W. B. Simpson, P. G. Sup't.

No. 2. THE HIRAM, HAMILTON.

R. E. Comp. Thomas Duggan, P.G.H., P.Z.

No. 3. ST. JOHN'S, LONDON.

R. E. Comp. Edwin Heathfield, P.Z.

No. 5. ST. GEORGE'S, LONDON.

R. E. Comp. Edwin Heathfield, P.Z., (proxy.)

No. 6. ST. JOHN'S, HAMILTON.

R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, Z.

No. 7. MOIRA, BELLEVILLE.

R. E. Comp. J. C. Franck, Z.
" " A. A. Campbell, P.Z.
" " F. W. Alport, P.H.
" " John Wonnacott, P.Z.
" " L. H. Henderson, J.

No. 8. KING SOLOMON'S, TORONTO.

Comp. J. Meudell.
E. " David Curtis, Jun., (proxy.)

No. 9. GOLDEN RULE, STANSTEAD.

R. E. Comp. T. B. Harris, (proxy.)

No. 10. KILWINNING, LONDON.

R. E. Comp. E. Heathfield, (proxy.)

No.12. CATARAQUI, KINGSTON.

E. Comp. T. Milo, Z.
R. " " Thos. J. Angel, P.Z.

No.16. CARLETON, OTTAWA.

E. Comp. Manuel Northrup, Z.

No.17. DORCHESTER, ST. JOHN'S.

R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, (proxy.)

U.D. MOUNT MORIAH, ST. CATHARINES.

E. Comp. David Curtis, Jun., (proxy)

U.D. MOUNT HOREB, BRANTFORD.

E. Comp. David Curtis, Jun., Z.

On motion, the Report from the Grand Scribes was received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Council gave permission for all Royal Arch Masons, members of Chapters and in good standing, to be admitted.

A large number of Companions being in attendance, they were admitted as visitors.

The Grand Scribe E. read the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during public business.

It was moved by R. E. Companion Edwin Heathfield, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. C. Franck, and adopted,—

That inasmuch as the proceedings at the last annual Convocation held at the city of Hamilton, on the 8th day of February, A.D. 1860; also, of an especial Convocation, held at the city of Ottawa, on the 13th July, A.D. 1860, having been printed, and the same having been issued to all the Chapters, the minutes be considered, read, and as such confirmed.

The Grand Scribe E. informed the Grand Chapter that he had received a letter from the M. E. Companion T. Douglas Harington, G. Z., from his residence at Quebec, which had been despatched several days in advance of the meeting, in consequence of the uncertainty attached to the arrival and departure of the trains, caused by the heavy fall of snow, in which he desires, should unforeseen circumstances preclude the possibility of his reaching

this place in time for the opening of this Grand Convocation, to express his regrets for such unavoidable absence, and requests me to submit the following address on various subjects for the consideration of Grand Chapter :—

ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent, the Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons of Canada, assembled in Annual Convocation, at Belleville.

Right Excellent & Excellent Companions,

The arrival of the period, for holding the Annual Convocation, has once again caused you to assemble together as the Representatives of R. A. Masonry, in Canada, and while I congratulate you on the steady and satisfactory progression of our Order, I can, with truth, assure you that nothing has occurred, to my knowledge, to mar its harmony. My official duties have been light in consequence, and the expiring year leaves behind it no vain and sad regrets.

I have granted Dispensations for two new Chapters, since the last Annual Convocation, viz :—

Mount Moriah, R. A. C., *St. Catherines.*
Mount Horeb, " *Brantford.*

the Petitions for which came to me properly prepared and recommended, and it remains for Grand Chapter, if such shall be its pleasure, to confirm the said Dispensations, and grant the Petitioners Warrants of Constitution. The Chapters now acknowledging the authority of this Grand Chapter, are twenty in number, and their condition, as well as the general state of R. A. Masonry, in the several Districts, will of course be explained in the Reports of the respective Grand Superintendents, to be laid before you in accordance with the Constitution.

With the Grand Chapters of our Mother Country and the United States, we are in most friendly communication, and a Report on Foreign Correspondence will be laid before you, prepared by R. E. Comp. Franck, who most kindly undertook to complete it, being an addition to his responsible duties of Grand Superintendent of the Central District, for which he has my thanks, and will have, I doubt not, those of the Grand Chapter.

The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of Scotland, has expressed a desire for the appointment of mutual Representatives, and in pursuance of that object, R. E. Comp. William Hay, P. Z., of St. John's, R. A. C., Toronto, under the Registry of Scotland, favored me with the following friendly communication :—

(Copy.) Toronto, 25th January, 1861.

My Dear Sir & M. E. Comp.,

I have the honor of receiving a commission, dated 19th Dec'r, 1860, from the Supreme Grand R. A. Chapter of Scotland, authorizing me to appear for them, and act as their Representative in the Grand Chapter of Canada. I need not say that it will afford me the highest gratification to take the earliest opportunity of meeting your Grand Body, and presenting my credentials. The Supreme Chapter, through its Grand Scribe E., expresses a wish that your Grand Chapter should be represented in Scotland, and suggests the names of two Companions, either of whom would be acceptable to them, if agreeable to you, viz: Alex. James Stewart, Esq., W. S. Edinburgh, Grand Clerk to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, or Donald Campbell, Esq., Glasgow, Grand P. J., of the Grand Chapter.

I have the honor to be,
My dear Sir, & M. E. Comp.
Fraternally yours,
(Signed,) WILLIAM HAY.

The M. Excellent,
The Grand Principal Z.,
Of the Grand Chapter of Canada,
T. D. Harington, Esq., Quebec.

I have therefore, in accordance with the Constitution, to request the sanction of the Grand Chapter to the appointment of Comp. A. J. Stewart, (the first of the two gentlemen submitted) to represent it in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, and the confirmation of Companion Hay's appointment, with such rank as the Grand Chapter may deem to be appropriate.

I consider it to be my duty to call your attention to certain proceedings of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, which took place at its Quarterly Convocation, holden on the first August last. No official announcement has been made, but the proceedings have been published in the London Freemason's Magazine, of the 4th of that month, a periodical devoted to the Craft, and which has received a semi-official permission to report. I quote for your guidance as follows :—

SUPREME G. CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

"The Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter, was holden on Wednesday last the first instant, (August.)

"The M. E. Z., stated that the first business to be brought before the companions, was the question of granting a Warrant for a R. A. Chapter, to be attached to the Dalhousie Lodge (No. 835,) at Ottawa, Canada West. That Lodge had always

remained firm in its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England, but a question had arisen how far the Grand Chapter of England could grant Warrants for new Chapters in Canada, without infringing on the rights of the Grand Chapter of Canada. The question has been referred to the Grand Principals for consideration, and they had arrived at the conclusion, that looking at the position of the Dalhousie Lodge, it would be no infringement of the rights of the Grand Chapter of Canada, to grant the Warrant for a new Chapter, as prayed."

"It was moved and seconded, that the prayer of the petition be granted."

Before, however, the motion was put, it was suggested that it would be better to place upon record the motives for granting the Petition, and so to frame the resolution, as to avoid giving offence to the Grand Chapter of Canada, which suggestion was concurred in by the mover, and the Resolution, carried unanimously, was as follows:

"That the Charter for the Chapter prayed for to be attached to the Dalhousie Lodge (No. 835,) at Ottawa, be granted, the Supreme Grand Chapter being of opinion that the granting of such Charter is necessary to complete the degrees of Freemasonry, and is therefore part of the privileges of a Craft Lodge, which privileges it has been stipulated and agreed to be secured to all Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England in Canada."

The Grand Chapter will thus perceive that the right is claimed to attach a Chapter to every Lodge in Canada, now acknowledging the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, although this Grand Chapter has been fully recognized as having jurisdiction throughout the Province, and the only condition the Supreme Grand Chapter of England affixed to its complete recognition, on the 10th February, 1860, was—"a reservation in favor of all Chapters, now in Canada, who are still holding Charters under it, as also of all English R. A. Masons, of all their rights, titles, and privileges, as fully and freely as though the Grand Chapter of Canada had not been formed."

The laws of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England—Private Chapters, Art. 1,—declare, "that every Chapter shall be attached to some Warranted Lodge," &c.,—and No. 2,—"that no Lodge can form or hold a Chapter, unless," &c.,—by which, and the fact of certain officers of the Grand Lodge of England, being ex-officio officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter, and also that No. 2, of the English Articles of Union, of 1813, specifies that "pure ancient Masonry consists of three degrees, and no more, viz:—those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft and the Master Mason (including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch,)"—the

connection between Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge is, I imagine, preserved, as the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, is altogether silent on the subject.

This peculiarity of the Constitutions of England, so different to our own, and that of other Grand Bodies, must be borne in mind, although there seems to be an inconsistency in a Grand Chapter granting a Charter for a Chapter, because it is "part of the privileges of a Craft Lodge." The privilege is certainly not looked upon as a right, because if it were so considered, every Lodge would have its Chapter as a matter of course, whereas the Supreme Grand Chapter of England sometimes refuses the prayer for one, and even where the Charter is granted, the members of the Craft Lodge, to which it is attached, do not possess the privilege of being exalted in it, without undergoing the ordeal of proposal, ballot, &c., so that it is really distinct and independent.

I cannot help feeling sorry that the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, acceded to the present application, for the act is one liable to create doubt, to say the least of it, and the members of Dalhousie Lodge could apply to the English Chapters, at present in existence in Canada, "for the completion of their Degrees," as defined by England.

You will understand on what ground the claim is based, by a perusal of the Resolution, and I recommend the matter to your serious consideration, as one calculated to create misunderstanding with a friendly Body, unless set at rest by the position of such proposed new Chapters being defined, and the Supreme Grand Chapter of England advised of your action in the premises without loss of time. It is almost needless to state that the Charter, thus reported to be granted, has not received any recognition from me, the Grand Chapter being the legitimate authority to decide as to its merits, and the solution of the question requires calm, and at the same time, friendly discussion and deliberation.

I think of nothing further, unless to remind you, as the period fixed by the Constitution has arrived for the annual election of the officers, and also for naming the place at which the next Convocation is to be holden, that a notice of motion for altering the time of holding it appears in the proceedings, (page 51, 1859) and has not been withdrawn or disposed of. I cannot help inviting the attention of the Grand Chapter to the fact, that Companions are now summoned from their homes at the most inclement, and uncertain period of the year, and there is a very natural hesitation about incurring the risk of detention, and perhaps suffering on the journey. The extremely severe weather of this present February has been brought home to all travellers, and to my very great regret, it effectually prevented me from meeting my Montreal brethren recently, and I feel no certainty of being able to reach

you, owing to a similar stoppage of the road. Very full attendance can hardly be looked for or exacted from Companions who reside at a distance from the various places periodically chosen, and consequently business brought before the Convocation has to be transacted by the few, and absent Companions have to be elected to office whose installation or investiture cannot be accomplished in the manner laid down by the Constitution. I think this is a matter deserving your attention, and as a question involving the well-doing of Grand Chapter, and the comfort and convenience of Companions I submit it to you.

R. E. Companion Harris, Scribe E., will furnish you with all financial information, and in making mention of him, I cannot refrain from bearing testimony to his great attention to the duties appertaining to that responsible officer. The Committee to whom was entrusted the preparation of the charters and Grand Chapter certificates, having completed the task, no further delay will take place in their distribution.

In conclusion, R. E. and E. Companions, I beg to assure you of my anxious desire to promote the prosperity of our Order, and my hearty good wishes for your individual happiness. May the G. A. O. T. U. continue His mercies to us all! I now return to your ranks as a companion member, but your claim to my constant exertions will always be responded to, and quickened by the grateful remembrance I shall ever entertain of your kindness and confidence.

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON,
Grand Z., G.C. of Canada.

QUEBEC, 10th February, 1861.

It was moved by E. Comp. D. Curtis, seconded by R.E. Comp. E. Heathfield, and adopted,—

That the address from the M. E. Z., be referred to the following Special Committee and to report thereon at an early hour, viz :— R. E. Companion J. C. Franck, V. E. Companion W. H. Ponton and E. Companion D. Curtis, Jr.

The Grand Scribe E. submitted and read the following Report from the Grand Superintendent for the London District :—

REPORT.

LONDON, 12th February, 1861.

To the G. Chapter of R. A. Masons of Canada.

In compliance with the regulations of Grand Chapter, I have the honor to submit a report on the condition of R. A. Masonry in my District.

We have in this District six Chapters, including the new Chapter at Woodstock, the Principals of which I had the pleasure of installing on the 5th instant; and from present appearances, this Chapter promises to be useful in spreading this beautiful degree of our Order, for they have already received sixteen petitions from brethren wishing to be exalted to Royal Arch Masons; and if the Principals are cautious to confer the degrees in a proper manner, there is no doubt but the Oxford Chapter will prosper. The other Chapters, I may say, are in almost a quiescent state, and doing very little work.

At the last regular Grand Convocation, I had intended to give notice of motion that the veils be dispensed with; but as the First Grand Principal was not present, and I had to take the chair, I deemed it better to defer doing so until the present meeting.

I therefore now give notice, that at the next regular convocation of Grand Chapter, I will move that the veils be not used in the ceremony of exaltation, as they have no reference to that degree.

We have adopted the English ritual—the only rational mode of conferring the degree—and we ought not to depart from it. Moreover, our M.E.G.Z. has pledged his word to the M.E.G.Z., of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, that "English R.A. Masons can enter our Chapters freely," &c.; but if the veils *must* be used, how could an English R. A. Mason enter our Chapters who could not give the pass-words on passing the veils? The masters of veils would stop them and where is the 1st Principal who has taken an obligation to uphold and maintain the laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter of Canada, that would order them to be admitted without the pass-word? At present the work of the veils has not been promulgated in this section of the province, therefore the Principals are under no difficulty. There are many other reasons why the veils should not be used in the R. A. Degree, but these may be sufficient to draw the attention of the companions to the subject before the next regular Convocation. In the meantime I would advise the companions to consider well what the real pass-words of the veils are. There is a great difference in giving them, which I hope to be able to explain when I submit

my motion to Grand Chapter. I have entered into these remarks here, because I fear I shall not be able to attend the present Grand Chapter, to give notice of my motion in person.

All which I have the honor to submit,

THOMPSON WILSON,
Grand Supt. for the London District.

The Grand Scribe E. submitted and read the following report from the Grand Superintendent for the Eastern Townships District.

REPORT.

WATERLOO, C. E. January 30th, 1861.

To R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, Grand Scribe E., Grand Chapter of Canada.

DEAR SIR, & R. E. COMP.

I beg leave most respectfully to forward you herewith, for the information of the Grand Chapter, a brief account of the state of Royal Arch Masonry, in the Eastern Townships District, over which I have the honor to preside.

This District contains three Chapters, viz:—"Golden Rule," at Stanstead; "Bedford District," at Dunham; and "Dorchester," at St. Johns, all of which are still acting under confirmed Dispensations.

Golden Rule exhibits fair prosperity, and a prospect of a large increase to the number of its members. This Chapter still works according to the United States system, but the present First Principal, R. E. Comp. Gustin, (to whom the Chapter owes its existence) has informed the Companions that old age and infirm health, will prevent his taking the same active part in their work, as heretofore, and having declined to hold the office any longer, a younger Companion will be his successor, who, I doubt not, will adopt our system of work. The "Bedford District" Chapter has, thus far, made but little progress, not having, as yet, conferred the R. A. Degree, but a number of applications are before it, and another year will, I am confident, show a marked improvement.

The first Convocation of "Dorchester" Chapter, (of which I had the honor of being appointed First Principal) was held in April last, since then nine Candidates have been exalted according to the system of work adopted by the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Other applications are before it, and taking into account the fact that two of the Principals, and nearly one half of its members,

reside at a distance of forty miles, I think that few Chapters in the Province can show equal prosperity.

I have the honor to be,
Dear Sir, and R. E. Comp.,
Yours fraternally,
H. L. ROBINSON,
Grand Supt., Eastern Townships District.

The Grand Scribe E, also read the following Report from the Grand Superintendent for the Hamilton District :—

REPORT.

HAMILTON, February 9th, 1861.

Thos. B. Harris, Esq., G. S. E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

DEAR SIR AND R. E. COMPANION,

In accordance with a regulation of Grand Chapter, I have the pleasure to submit a circumstantial report of my proceedings, as Grand Superintendent for the Hamilton District, during the past masonic year.

On my assuming the labors of this office, in February last, two chapters, viz :—"The Hiram," No. 2, and the "St. John's," No 6, came under my supervision, both of which are situated in this City, thereby affording me frequent opportunity of attendance, and witnessing the work performed, which although differing in many respects from that heretofore practised, is undoubtedly much more in consonance with the feelings of the great majority of the Companions; it is also properly and correctly worked, and in accordance with the recognized ritual of Grand Chapter.

I have recommended two petitions for new Chapters, both of which have received dispensations from the M. E. Z.

On the 22nd day of January, accompanied and assisted by the Grand Scribe E., the past District Superintendent, R. E. Companion Magill and other Companions from this place, I visited the Town of St. Catharines, and Installed the Principals of the "Mount Moriah" Chapter, under a Dispensation from the M. E. Z.

On the 31st January, accompanied by the G. S. E., the Past Grand Treasurer and other Companions, I visited the Town of Brantford, and Installed the principles of "Mount Horeb" Chapter, likewise under a Dispensation from the M. E. Z.

Here may be a fitting opportunity to remark, that two petitions for new Chapters, emanated from the Companions of Brantford, and its neighbourhood, closely following each other, both of which

were transmitted to the M. E. Z. The almost simultaneous application for two Charters for the same town, induced the G.Z., to delay for a time compliance with the prayer of either petition, desiring that some amicable arrangement, if possible, should be arrived at, as he deemed one Chapter sufficient for the Town.

Subsequently, a somewhat modified petition, containing the name of another Companion nominated for second Principal, with an explanatory letter, was received, and to which I gave my recommendation; it was sanctioned by the M. E. Z.,who directed a Dispensation to be issued. Previously, however, to the Installation of the officers of the "Mount Horeb" Chapter, the Memorial hereunto appended was handed to me by Companions Mulloch and Henwood, which sets forth a grievance at not being the fortunate recipients of the Charter.

I felt it my duty, having previously recommended the prayer of the petition, for which a Dispensation had been obtained from the M. E. Z., and as no charge was contained in the Memorial to the prejudice of the Companions named in the Dispensation, and also learning from conversation had with the Memorialists, that the objection raised, sprung more from a question of a personal character, as to who should be the first presiding officer, than a truly Masonic feeling, to proceed with the installation of the Principals, and refer the Memorial to the Grand Chapter for such action as it may deem requisite.

In conclusion, I desire to call the attention of Grand Chapter to an amendment to the Constitution, authorized at the last Especial Convocation, held at Ottawa, to be found at page 52, printed proceedings for 1860. Art. 6, "of Private Chapters," which requires the First Principal of every Chapter to be an "Installed Master, or Past Master of a Symbolic Lodge" and to suggest a re-consideration of this clause, inasmuch as the requirement works prejudicially to the progress and advancement of Royal Arch Masonry in this and most other parts of the province.

All which is respectfully submitted,

THOS. DUGGAN,
G. S., H. District.

The Grand Superintendent for the Central District submitted and read the following Report:—

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Principals and Companions of the Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons of Canada.

My Report as Superintendent of the Central District of Royal Arch Masons will be very brief. The number of Chapters in the District have not increased during the past year, and the duty of

the Superintendent to watch the interests of four chapters is necessarily light. The flourishing condition and prosperity of the oldest (the "Ancient Frontenac" Chapter, of Kingston) remains undisturbed, and the "Moira" of Belleville, next in order as to seniority, meets with unabated success. The "Cataraqui" Chapter of Kingston, is still slightly suffering from the weakness of infancy; the great merit of its officers however (all veterans in the Craft, and determined to progress) leads me to believe in the certainty of ultimate prosperity.

The young "Carlton" Chapter of the City of Ottawa, is as ambitious as the young City itself, and I may say with equal success, the quantity and quality of material here found fit for the building is indeed remarkable, and lead to the very highest anticipations that the Chapter, if properly guided, must take a stand among its sisters, second to none in the Province. That illustrious Mason, Colonel W. J. B. McLeod Moore, has opened, and thus far conducted the Chapter, and is rewarded by the esteem in which he is held by all and every, the Companions of the Chapter, for the ability and urbanity with which he has ever presided over their labors. Some irregularities have crept into this Chapter, by the electing of officers for the present year, on account of the absence of the First and Second Principals, and the consequent impossibility of opening the Chapter in a Mark Lodge, and also by asking a dispensation to instal a worthy Companion in the first Chair, before he had lawfully served in the second and third, while the Second Principal of last year was willing and able to perform the duty, and no cause was shown for his non-election, excepting his living at considerable distance from the City, which, however, could only prove an inconvenience to himself, not to the Chapter, as he declared himself willing to attend all meetings, and to resign, if such should prove impossible.

I early overcame both these irregularities, on the occasion of my official visit on the 16th of January last, by ordering an election of officers, (under the circumstances, it could hardly be called a new one) which resulted in the choice of the last Second Principal as first Principal. In this Chapter also, an unfortunate difference arose between two Companions. The Chapter proceeded to a trial by Committee, which resulted in the exculpation of the accused, to the great dissatisfaction of the Companion complaining and others. Under such circumstances, the Past First Principal has considered it prudent to bring the case under the consideration of the Grand Chapter, and for that purpose has, some weeks ago, sent me the documents connected with the case at issue, hereunto annexed. I am not aware whether either party has any evidence to lay before this Grand Chapter, nor do I venture any opinion on the case which has in no wise been referred to me.

The slow increase in the number of Chapters in the Central District is, it appears to me, rather a source of congratulation than regret, proving clearly that the Companions will not commence in haste, where a fear exists that they may have to repent at leisure; better that few Chapters should exist and flourish, than that many should spring up and decay. There is indeed a probability of two or three applications for new Chapters within the next year, but I doubt not, that the Companions about to apply have well considered their chances of success, and base their petitions upon real Masonic necessity, on account of distance from other Chapters, and consequent present inability, to further the interests of the Craft.

Before closing this Report, I beg to tender my sincere thanks to the Companions of the Central District, for the uniform kindness extended to me during the two years I have had the honor of holding the position of Grand Superintendent of this District.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. C. FRANCK,
Grand Supt. Central District.

G. C. R. A. MASONS OF CANADA,
January 20th, A. I., 2391.

On motion of R. E. Companion S. D. Fowler, seconded by R. E. Companion J. C. Franck and adopted,—

The reports from the Grand Superintendents were received and referred to the following Special Committee, viz:—E. Comp's George F. LaSerre, Thos. J. Angel and E. Heathfield.

The following Committee was appointed to audit the books and vouchers of the Grand Scribe E., viz: E. Comp. Parker, Milo and Henderson.

A letter was read from V. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, asking information with reference to the titles of officers in the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters degrees.

The letter was referred to the following Special Committee, viz: R. E. Comp. Fowler, Simpson and Harris.

R. E. Comp. J. C. Franck, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, specially appointed by the M. E. Z., submitted and read the following report:

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave most respectfully to report, that they have received from the Grand Scribe Ezra, the proceedings of nineteen Grand Chapters in the United States, namely: Arkansas, Alabama, Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Those of Alabama and Indiana are of 1859; of Iowa, North Carolina, and Virginia, of 1859 and 1860; of New Jersey, since the formation of the Grand Chapter in 1856, to 1860; all the others of 1860.

Your Committee in the discharge of their duty have endeavored to make such extracts from the various proceedings submitted, as may, and they hope will, be of interest to the craft in this jurisdiction. While carefully considering the condition and jurisprudence of the order in the neighboring States, they have also embodied in this report some statistical information, the opinions expressed by others of our actions, and some of the most sound and moral precepts, advice and experience, most eloquently and beautifully expressed in many of the addresses and reports of Grand High Priests and others.

Before entering on the consideration of the proceedings of the various Grand Chapters above named, your Committee, on a careful perusal of their transactions, are very much pleased indeed to find in one and all of them, the assurance that great and general prosperity reward the labors of love of our Companions abroad, and that brotherly love, relief and truth, prevail in their temples.

Your Committee have passed over, as of little interest to your Grand Body, the lengthy remarks contained in all the proceedings under review, concerning the last triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, which General Grand Chapter appears a great bone of contention; its constitution, continuance or dissolution, is actively canvassed, and while some desire to dissolve their connection therewith, a majority appear to advocate the continuance and support thereof.

Your Committee will now submit their extracts from and remarks, on the proceedings of the Grand Chapters above enumerated, which, for that purpose, they have alphabetically arranged.

ARKANSAS.

The Grand Chapter dates the last Annual Convocation, November 1st, A.D., 1860, A.I., 2394. The Grand High Priest, in a short opening address, notes, that promising sons of Royal

Arch Masons, whose means are not sufficient to educate them, are admitted into St. John's College, and receive their education free of expense. This college was founded by the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of the State, for educating the sons of deceased and indigent Masons. Truly a good and masonic example worthy of imitation, and which our Committee recommend to the careful consideration of this Grand Body.

The proceedings do not contain any report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. E. H. Whitfield, was elected Grand High Priest and James W. Finley, Grand Secretary.

ALABAMA.

Proceedings, dated 6th December, 1859. The Deputy G. H. P., S. A. M. Wood, addressed the Grand Chapter, on account of the unavoidable absence of M. E., David Clopton, G. H. P. The Address, as well as the proceedings, are merely of local interest. There is a very able report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who, when speaking of Massachusetts, allude to Canada in the following manner:—"And with respect to the Grand Chapter of Canada, (they say) it was established and organised in direct violation of masonic authority and usage. We (the Committee of Alabama) do not concur in this opinion, and think our Grand Chapter is properly in correspondence with our Companions in Canada."

S. A. M. Wood, was elected Grand High Priest, and Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

Opening of Grand Chapter dated May 8, 1860—R.A.M. 2394.

Your Committee recommend to the careful consideration of subordinate Chapters the following remarks, extracted from the Address of M. E. Samuel Tripp, G.H.P.:—

"It is to be hoped that he members of the several Chapters are careful as "to the character of the materials brought up for the building."

"True prosperity does not consist so much in the swelling of our numbers as in the moral and intellectual fitness of the few who are admitted within the veils. The benefits of Masonry were not designed for the masses, but rather for the select few, in all ages of the world, who prove themselves 'worthy and well qualified.' If we guard well the portals of the Masonic edifice; if, in answering the calls of those who occasionally knock at our doors, we admit only the wise and the good; we shall thus preserve in its purity the glorious inheritance received from our fathers, and transmit it unsullied to our posterity."

The G.H.P. notices the receipt of a card from the new Grand Chapter of the State of Minnesota, which was organised on the 17th day of December, 1859, and of which M.E. A.T.C. Pierson, was elected G.H.P., and R. E. George W. Prescott, G. Secretary.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is ably written, and reviews the proceedings of twenty Grand Chapters—Canada not included.

Frederick F. Calhoun, elected Grand High Priest, and Eliphalet G. Storer, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The eleventh Annual Communication opened on the 28th day of September, A.D., 1860, A.I., 2390.

G. H. Priest, N. D. Elwood, sent his address, which opens by stating to the Companions, that "having been recently bereft of a darling child, he had not the heart to absent himself from home at that time." In his absence, M. E. Comp. William W. Mitchell occupied the throne.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in noticing Canada, says: "Every thing in all degrees of Masonry in the Province indicate great prosperity and harmony."

The proceedings are short and contain nothing requiring particular comment.

Nelson D. Elwood, was elected G.H.P., and Harman G. Reynolds, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

Proceedings for A.D., 1859 and 1860, A.I., 2389 and 2390,—sixth Annual Convocation opening September 7th, 1859, and the seventh, August 15th, 1860.

The following appropriate remarks are from the opening address of M. E. Comp. E. M. Eastman, G.H.P. :—

"It is to be lamented that so many of our public addresses are made anti-masonic by bestowing so much adulation upon masonic charity, which should never be named in public. This, and proselyting, which is equally objectionable, have induced many to seek admission into our order for purely mercenary purposes. Such persons are nominally members of the order, but they are not *Masons*—the heart of a Mason is not in them. They usually make merchandise of the institution, as hypocrites and apostates do of the church, for their own aggrandizement. Among this class may safely be counted itinerant lecturers and speculators in masonic jewels and regalia, and advertisers under masonic symbols. We would naturally distrust a merchant, if he were to advertise that he was a member of the Methodist, or Presbyterian, or

Congregationalist, or Catholic church, with the design of obtaining the exclusive custom of those sects of Christians. Masons who do these things are usually rotten at heart, and should be discountenanced by the fraternity. These things should be regarded rather as marks of suspicion than attraction."

The Committee on Jurisprudence report in a case of Dubuque Chapter: "During the year the hall of this Chapter was burned, and the Charter thereby lost; whereupon the Chapter applied to the Grand High Priest for a dispensation to enable them to work until the present Convocation. The Grand High Priest granted the same, under a precedent of like character, though fully of opinion that no necessity existed for his interposition in the premises. The principle is plain, that it is the action of the Grand Chapter that gives and continues existence to a Chapter, and the Charter is only evidence thereof. Yet inasmuch as the Secretary has no authority, during the recess of the Grand Chapter, to duplicate lost Charters—and as the members desire, and visitors require, tangible evidence of the legal existence of their Chapter—the granting of the Dispensation was well enough."

The same Committee report that they are "fully of opinion that Grand Chapter possesses not the power to restore to membership a suspended Companion upon a proper showing, while such Companion remains a suspended mason by the action of a symbolic lodge;" and the Committee assert, that "such is not only the positive law of their own Grand Chapter, but the usages of Masonry."

The Grand Secretary adopts the paging of the proceedings of Grand Chapter continuously for binding purposes.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is short but ably written.

Kimball Porter, was elected Grand High Priest, and W. B. Langridge, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The whole of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, which opened the Annual Convocation on the 22nd of May, A. I., 2390, A.D., 1860, were of a local nature, and offer nothing of special interest to the Royal Craft outside the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

To the question asked of the Grand High Priest, "Can a non-affiliating Master Mason hold membership in a Chapter?" he answers, "No, he cannot." His argument is as follows:—"I believe the original intent of Royal Arch Masonry was, that their

members should maintain a good standing and membership in a lodge of Craft Masons. Analogy—the relation of Lodge and Chapter Masonry; and the general laws of Royal Arch Masonry teach this. The fact that a Companion being expelled by a lodge, deprives him, without the action of a Chapter, of all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, teaches the same doctrine most plainly. * * * I hold this to be a rule, that in order to get or hold membership in a Chapter, a Companion must maintain a membership in a lodge, or the right of affiliation, which right of affiliation may be held in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Indiana under a demit for six months, after the granting of the demit. The whole intent of granting a demit is, that the individual receiving it may move his membership to some other Lodge or Chapter, and it certifies to the Lodge or Chapter to which it is presented, the character the bearer had in the Lodge or Chapter from which he came, and guarantees affiliation a reasonable and sufficient length of time for him to gain a membership where he may desire it. An impossibility to obtain a membership—as a great distance from a Lodge, sickness, or other unavoidable circumstances—should always be construed in favor of the holder of the demit.

"A demit should not be granted to any one, simply because he desires to get rid of his membership. If that be his object, he may be voted leave to *withdraw*, but without a *demit*."

William Hacker, was elected G.H.P., and Francis King, Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The proceedings of the Grand Annual Convocation commenced on the 15th day of October, A.D., 1860, A.L., 5860, and opened with a short report from Grand High Priest concerning the state of Masonry in his jurisdiction. He says there are Chapters in more than half the counties in the State, and in some two or three. The average is about one Chapter to four working Lodges, while the membership is about one Royal Arch Mason to six Master Masons.

This Grand Chapter appears to be in a most flourishing condition. The treasurer's accounts show property in Bank Stock and City Bonds, besides cash on hand, nearly six thousand dollars.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence bring in a brief report, saying of Canada, "Suffice it to say, that the Canada Grand Chapter is prospering, and we very much hope it will continue so to do as long as time shall last."

This Grand Chapter considered also a report of the committee appointed to revise the Constitutional Rules, and adopts fifty-two

Rules, out of which the following two, and portions of a third, are extracted :—

"In the election of Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter, those Companions who shall receive the lowest number of votes for any office, or who shall not be voted for at all on the first ballot, shall not be afterwards voted for in a succeeding ballot for the same office."

"The fiscal year of Chapters subordinate to this Grand Chapter, shall end on the — day of — of each year."

"If any Companion be under sentence of suspension or expulsion from a Lodge of Master Masons, he cannot be entitled to any rights and privileges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter."

Theodore N. Wise, was elected G.H.P., and Philip Swigert, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The thirteenth Annual Convocation is dated February 14th, A.D., 1860, A.I., 2394.

Nothing of particular interest to Royal Arch Masonry, outside of Louisiana, was transacted during the session. The Grand High Priest, in his opening address, deplores the death of M. E. Past Grand High Priest, Amos Adams, for years the Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, also appointed to that office at the last preceding convocation, which accounts for the want of a report from that committee.

The Officers elected were, A. J. Norwood, Grand High Priest, and Samuel G. Risk, Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

Grand Chapter convened, April 30th, A. D., 1860, A. I., 2390.

The able opening address of M. E. Moses Dodge, G.H.P., is worthy the perusal and admiration of every Royal Arch Mason, and your Committee cannot forego the pleasure of giving the opening and closing remarks in full. They doubt not the Companions will join them in admiring the sentiments so beautifully expressed. The opening remarks are as follows :—

"Once more, through the mercy and kindness of our Great High Priest above, we are permitted to meet in this our earthly tabernacle, here to bow at our holy altar in devout acknowledgement of his goodness to us through the changing scenes and incidents of another year, and humbly to implore him to 'lift upon us the light of his countenance,' and impart unto us wisdom to guide us while at this our annual convocation we deliberate upon matters pertaining to the interest, welfare, and prosperity of our dearly cherished institution."

"Since last we parted here, time has enrolled upon the records of the past the transactions of another masonic year—another year's journey has hastened us on toward 'the undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns'—the imprint of our footfalls has been marked nearer and nearer yet to the boundary of another world, and we have this day arrived at another milestone or crossing, where, after the wearied labors of the year, we meet, lover like, at our masonic trysting place."

"What more fitting time than this for retrospection?—what better opportunity than this for memory to recall the varied records made upon the page of time, now filled and complete, and in accordance with the Pythagorean rule to inquire—"

> "Where have our feet found out their way?
> What have we learned where'er we've been?
> From all we've heard, from all we've seen,
> What know we more that's worth the knowing?
> What have we done that's worth the doing?
> What have we sought that we should shun?
> What duty have we left undone?
> Or into what new follies run?"

"The poet saith truly—"

> "'These self inquiries are the road
> That leads to virtue and to God;'"

"And if the retrospect brings to mind errors that we are compelled to regret—losses that we lament and golden opportunities for improvement now gone forever—then let us be instructed by the past, and learn wisdom from its precepts; yea, more, let the light of its lamp flash out and shine brightly as a guide to our feet in the future that is before us."

"With hearts of gratitude to the God of all, who has filled the past with mercies and showered upon us prosperity and peace—has permitted us to leave for a while the different occupations and pursuits in which we are usually engaged, to withdraw for a season from the turmoil around, and here, within the walls of our peaceful sanctuary, to meet in undisturbed retirement as a band of Brothers—let us seriously inquire the purpose that has drawn us from our ordinary avocations and the endearments of home, and invoking the aid and guidance of our Supreme Grand High Priest in all our laudable undertakings, let us enter upon the duties of this convocation and of the coming year, with a full and firm determination to perform them in such a measure as 'may become men,' remembering that 'we live in deeds, not years—in thoughts, not breaths—in feelings, not in figures on a dial. We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives who thinks the most, feels the noblest, acts the best.'"

"Since last we met in solemn conclave, it has pleased the Almighty to permit the dark angel of death to enter our ranks and snatch from among us those who were dearly cherished and much respected, and whom we now deeply lament."

"While we cordially grasp the fraternal hand, we miss those who have from year to year been wont to meet and mingle with us; and as we look around this hall, the vacant seats and broken columns remind us that some are absent whom we shall meet no more until we pass the dark valley of the shadow of death. These sad dispensations of an all-wise Providence, while they remind us that 'death rides on every passing breeze,' also speaks to us in tones that may not be misunderstood—'Be ye also ready.'"

This admirable address concludes with the following choice sentences:—

"With most of us the sun of life is far advanced in the morning watch; with others, it has arrived at 'high twelve;' with a large proportion it is one hour past meridian; and there are others yet around me, on whom age has spread its hoary mantle, upon whose brows are writted in legible lines the footprints of time and care, and whose sun is fast sinking towards the distant west."

"It may be, yea, it is more than probable that some of us will meet in this social retreat no more, and ere the flight of time has marked the close of another masonic year, we shall have gone the way of all the earth, to meet, as we will fondly hope, in that sacred temple above, with those venerable sojourners who have passed the veils before us."

Companions: accept my heartfelt thanks for the confidence reposed in me, the honor bestowed upon me, and the uniform courtesy and kind forbearance exercised toward me; and permit me to express for you the wish, that when your earthly labors are closed, you may be so happy as to hear from the King of Kings, that welcome plaudit—'well done thou good and faithful servant.'"

This Grand Chapter has a charity fund amounting to nine hundred dollars in stock in Banks, with an income to said fund of two hundred and sixty-one dollars and forty-six cents.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviews briefly but ably the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Chapters of the several States.

Moses Dodge, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

This Grand Chapter opened its eleventh Annual Convocation on the 9th of January, A.D., 1860, A.I., 2390.

The address of the Grand High Priest, J. C. Coffinberry, although of but local interest, is well written. This eminent Companion closes his eloquent remarks by declining re-election.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence speaks of Canada as follows :—

"The second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada was held at London, C.W., February 16th, 1859. A peculiarity in the titles of the principal officers exists in this jurisdiction. They are designated as the Grand Z., Grand H., and Grand J., who are collectively called 'the Grand Principals,' and occupy a 'Throne.' The pamphlet received is mostly devoted to the history and organisation of the Grand Chapter of Canada."

The same committee say, under the head of

"MASONIC ERAS,"

"There appears to be a diversity among the records of the Grand Chapters in the dates of the several masonic eras. By most of them the period of 530 years is added to that of the Christian era, to give the *Annum Inventionis.* By Massachusetts, 533 years are added. By Connecticut and Louisiana, the period of 534 years is added; and this corresponds with general chronology. In Florence we observe a peculiarity. She dates her records from the completion of the first temple, and to obtain the year, adds 1000 years to the Christian era. General chronology assigns, as the time of this event, 1004 years before the advent of Christ. Some dates are given which are evidently mere mistakes. We suggest that a committee be raised to report upon these chronological eras."

The same diversity has been noticed by your Committee on examining the various proceedings, and they would most respectfully make a like suggestion.

Your Committee notice with pleasure the following resolution, adopted by the Grand Chapter of Michigan :—"*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, it is the imperative duty of all the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction, to hold to a strict account any members who may be guilty of intemperance or profane swearing."

Also, the following preamble and resolution, submitted by Comp. Innes, concerning the Grand Chapter of Canada, and adopted:

"Whereas at our last Grand Convocation, a communication was received from our Excellent Companions in Canada, asking an interchange of fraternal greeting, which communication was referred to a select committee, who reported favorably thereon, and who requested our M. E. G. H. P. to forward a copy of the said report to the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, under the seal of this Grand Chapter; and whereas, the G.H.P., through the gross negligence of our late Grand Secretary, was unable to perform that pleasing duty; therefore, be it resolved, that the M.E.G.H.P. be, and he is hereby requested to forward to said Grand Z. such

resolution, together with the present action of this Grand Body, and such explanation as to him may seem right and proper."

William P. Innes, was elected G.H.P., and J. Eastman Johnson, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter, convened on the 23rd day of May, A.D., 1860, A.I., 2390, are very short.

R. E. Daniel T. Wainwright, Grand King, presided in the absence of M.E. Marius Boyd, G.H.P., who sent a brief written address.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in enumerating the Chapters from whom proceedings have been received, mentions those of Canada, without however in any way commenting thereon.

A certain communication not fully explained, from publishers of masonic works, had been referred to Grand Officers, who, in their report, make the following valuable remarks :—

"It must be patent to all well-informed Masons, that there are already too many publications of the kind referred to in existence, and we believe that no encouragement should be given to any one in getting up any work of no real benefit to the Order, and which is intended to put money into the pockets of the compilers and publishers."

After which, the following resolution was offered and adopted :

"*Resolved*,—That this Grand Chapter endorses no masonic book, pamphlet, or publication whatever."

The following sums were appropriated by Grand Chapter for charitable purposes :—

"$100 to the widow of Companion A. Patterson ; $150 for tuition and support of the son of late Br. George Knox ; $100 for the use of Mrs. McConnell ; $25 for the use and benefit of widow Jacobs.

J. W. Crane, was elected G.H.P., and E. A. O'Sullivan, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

Grand Chapter convened February 7th, A.D., 1860, A.I., 2390.

Appropriate remarks extracted from the address of G. H. P. James M. Austin :—

"While Freemasonry has been progressing, during the past few years, with unparalleled rapidity, and attained a degree of prosperity which the most sanguine well-wisher could not have imagined or hoped for, have we not reason to fear that a spirit of

radicalism is gaining ground throughout the country, and that a very general desire prevails among the many, to remove and cast aside the landmarks which our fathers have set, and to substitute in their stead the judgments and opinions of their own, whenever and wheresoever those landmarks conflict or interfere with the accomplishment of their own private ends."

"Let us always remember, my Companions, that Freemasonry is necessarily conservative, otherwise it could not long exist. Its principles being founded upon the first Great Light and text-book of Freemasonry, are immutable. What they were at first, they are now, and must ever continue to be. Let no one attempt to substitute, in place thereof, their own inventions. By-laws and local regulations, it is true, may be changed to suit the convenience of particular bodies of Masons, but the Principles and Morals of Freemasonry are unchangable."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, speaking of Canada, say,—

"It is with pleasure your Committee peruse the proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, from the first convention in January, 1857, to its convocation at London, Canada West, in February, 1859. Eleven subordinate Chapters are reported, with 393 members. Their proceedings were harmonious, and evince a high interest in capitular masonry. May their future progress be as successful as their present is auspicious."

James M. Austin, re-elected G.H.P., and John O. Cole, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

Proceedings submitted are since the formation of Grand Chapter, in A. D. 1856 to A. D. 1860. The Warrant from the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, is dated January 24th, 1857, and the officers elected December 30th, 1856, were, on the 13th February, 1857, regularly installed.

Your Committee call attention to the appropriate remarks offered by M.E. Geo. A. Tator, in his addresses in 1858 and 1859:

"Permit me also to say to the Companions throughout the jurisdiction, that when they have found officers skilled and competent, they be slow in removing them for the mere sake of change, or the gratification of mere ambition. Rotation in office may answer the necessities of mere politicians, but the words should never be pronounced, nor the idea entertained, within the body of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

"Beware, Companions, of innovations in your Ritual. You have a standard, and you should allow no deviation from it. Once

open the door, however slightly, to the admission of change, and uniformity will be forever lost; no labor, however arduous, can restore it. Avert this danger, Companions, by a stern refusal to listen to the syren voice of change; make it your pride to be correct rather than brilliant; and recollect, that as the foundation is firm and well laid, so shall the superstructure be enduring and beautiful."

"Never before has the Masonic institution occupied a loftier position than at the present time; her head rises above the stormy sea of prejudice and passion, shedding her pure and steady light upon the troubled waters. The hand of time, which destroys all things else, has not disturbed one pillar which supports its noble temple, nor even defaced one ornament. The shafts which have been levelled at her pure breast, either by religious bigotry or political tyranny, have recoiled as from a triple shield of brass. She has remained thus permanent because unconnected with any peculiarities of religion or civil polity."

The following kind resolutions concerning the Grand Chapter of Canada were adopted:—

"Whereas the Grand Chapter of the State of New Jersey has heard, with great satisfaction, of the regular formation and organization of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada;—*Resolved*, that we cordially welcome them into the sisterhood of Grand Chapters, and extend to them our fraternal recognition and the right hand of fellowship."

"*Resolved*,—That the usual correspondence and intercourse be opened with the same."

The proceedings of 1860, show a considerable increase in the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, and gives the pleasing assurance of continued prosperity.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence notices Canada by saying,—

"We have received and examined the proceedings of this Grand Body with no little curiosity and interest. There is a marked difference between their proceedings and those of the Grand Chapters throughout the United States. They designate their three principal officers by the letters Z., H., and J., and they claim that this is the ancient custom of the Royal Craft. There are other peculiarities, which indicate that their work has received the stamp of England, Ireland, Scotland and France, rather than of the United States, while, at the same time, there is enough of America in their proceedings to make us feel that we are on the same side of the water with them. We regard the Canadian Grand Chapter as a golden link between the Royal Craft of the Old and that of the New World. While reading her proceedings, we felt that a

British arm was extending an American hand, to grasp in fellowship the Royal Arch fraternity of these United States. Long live the Grand Chapter of Canada as a masonic window, through which the light may pass between the two worlds. We welcome her to our fellowship and correspondence."

T. J. Corson, M.D., is present G.H.P., and J. Woolverton, M.D., Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Thirteenth Annual Convocation begun the sixth day of June, A.D., 1859, A.I., 2389; also the Fourteenth, dated the fourth day of June, A.D., 1860, A.I., 2390.

Your Committee perceive nothing in the proceedings of this Grand Chapter to arrest particular attention.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in a brief report, after giving their reasons for not sooner acknowledging the Grand Chapter of Canada, add:—

"We see no reason for withholding masonic fellowship, and we recommend that this Grand Chapter extend to her a cordial recognition, and welcome her into the ranks of independent Grand Chapters, with a true fraternal greeting. In so doing, we would be acting in unison with the Grand Chapter of Ireland, and with the Grand Chapters of our sister States of Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Kentucky, and others."

Your Committee join the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, in rejoicing at the opportunity afforded them of bearing witness to the conciliatory and fraternal spirit which breathes so exclusively through every page of the very interesting documents claiming their attention; moderation even in exciting discussion being a remarkably predominant feature.

E. J. Watson, re-elected G. H. P., and Thomas B. Carr, Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

The proceedings of the forty-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter begun October 12th, A. D., 1860, A. I., 2390, are most interesting, and show the Royal Craft in that State to be in a most flourishing condition, and the Companions taking part in the proceedings well-informed. The report of the Grand Treasurer shows an overflowing treasury—the balance on hand is considerably over $4000, after paying all yearly expenses.

A rule was proposed that it shall be unlawful for a subordinate Chapter to exalt to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, more, or less than three, candidates at the same time, and declaring that the substitution of Royal Arch Masons to make up the necessary number be violative of the law. The vote by yeas and nays resulted in—ayes, 120, nays, 67. The vote not being two-thirds, the rule was not adopted; and at a later stage of the proceedings, the following more moderate resolution was carried :—"That it is the opinion of this Grand Chapter, that the practice of substituting Royal Arch Masons to make up the necessary number for exaltation, is contrary to the teachings and obligations of Royal Arch Masonry."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in speaking of Missouri, and action taken concerning masonic publications, as hereinbefore mentioned, agree that a just rebuke was then and there given to those publishers who attempt to use Grand Chapters in getting up such publications.

They review the proceedings of your Grand Chapter, alluding principally to the differences in existence as to names of officers and masonic jurisprudence, and express their regret that a Chapter on the registry of Scotland exalts candidates in a spirit of rivalry. The report is particularly well written, and reviews in a manner, as candid as it is able, the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Chapters.

Harvey Vinal, was elected G.H.P., and John D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Convocation commenced February 14th, A. D., 1860, A.I., 2390.

The address of the Grand High Priest, delivered by that eminent Companion Albert G. Mackey, congratulates the Companions on the continued prosperity of this exalted branch of the Order in their jurisdiction; and, in referring to the condition of the Order, adds: "that whether looking to the number of the Chapters, the intelligence and character of their members, or to their just adaptation to the wants of the surrounding Lodges, Royal Arch Masonry has never been, in South Carolina, in a more prosperous condition than it is now."

No report from Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

A. G. Mackey, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Ebenezer Thayer, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

The eleventh Annual Convocation begun June 22nd, 1860, in proceedings dated A. I., 2394.

M. E. Andrew Neill, G.H.P., in his address, remarks, that the state of the Order is in a highly satisfactory condition; not advancing with rapid strides by increase of numbers, but gradually pressing forward in the practice of the precepts taught by the Order. He remarks concerning the granting of Warrants to Chapters under Dispensation :—

"It is for you now to scrutinize their work and returns, requiring a strict compliance with the constitution and your edicts, and in no case to grant a charter except by a fulfilment of every duty. In this way we may expect to attain a greater perfection and save years of labor hereafter. No truer maxim can be applied to the case than 'that a thing well begun is half done.'"

The following recommendation is contained in the same address :

"I have recommended the Chapters to avoid as far as possible the encouragement of receiving petitions for the Chapter degrees from non-affiliated Masons; but as the matter has been heretofore recommended to your notice by my predecessor, and no definite rule made on the subject, I could not pretend to enforce such an edict. The reasons, I conceive, are very strong in favor of such a rule, and I hope it will soon be engrafted on our regulations. I am of opinion that but few are truly worthy who fail to support and maintain, by membership, the Lodge of their jurisdiction; and I cannot imagine a sound reason which could be given by any one for advancement into the Chapter, whilst their duties are neglected in the lower degrees."

Companion Wm. M. Taylor, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, regrets that their report must be necessarily very meagre, having only received the proceedings of five Grand Chapters. Short as the report is, however, it is none the less an able review.

William T. Austin, was elected G. H. P., and A. S. Ruthven, Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

Proceedings of two Annual Convocations, commenced December 15th, A. D., 1859, A. I., 2389, and December 13th, A. D., 1860, A.I., 2390. Both short. No address from Grand High Priest.

The Grand Secretary reports the receipt of proceedings of twenty-five Grand Chapters, including Canada, and after enumerating the names of the various Grand Chapters, their Grand High Priests and Grand Secretaries, he adds :—

"Amongst these we are highly gratified to receive the proceedings of a convention to form a Grand Royal Arch Chapter

for Canada, and the subsequent proceedings of the Grand Chapter thus organised under the auspices of M. E. Thomas Douglas Harington, of Toronto, Grand Z., and Thomas Bird Harris, Grand Secretary. We extend to them a cordial greeting, and wish them all the success which cannot fail to attach to such skilful, zealous, and working officers. We would venture, in all kindness and brotherly love, to suggest, that as all the Grand Chapters of the United States use the Ritual founded upon the incidents of the rebuilding of the temple in 3470, and as the symbolism and philosophy of the degree is the same, they either engraft it on their work or substitute it for a degree founded on incidents which occurred during the reign of Josiah, and while the first temple was standing."

Powhattan B. Starke, was re-elected G.H.P., and John Dove, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

Tenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter convened February 1st, A.D., 1860, A.I., 2390.

A very interesting address was delivered by the Grand High Priest, although but of local interest.

A very able review was reported by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who recommend the adoption of a resolution recognising the Grand Chapter of Canada, and tendering the fraternal sympathies and co-operation of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, which recommendation was afterwards, on motion of Companion Cothren, unanimously adopted.

Erastus Lewis, was elected Grand High Priest, and William T. Palmer, Grand Secretary.

Your Committee, in giving the various decisions in masonic jurisprudence, did not deem it their province, nor did they presume to give their own opinions thereon, but have brought prominently forward such points only as they considered worthy the consideration and decision of a Committee or masonic jurisprudence of your Grand Body.

Your Committee now bring their Report to a close, with the assurance that they have spared neither time nor labor to render the same as useful as possible, and they will consider themselves amply rewarded if they have succeeded in rendering even the very slightest service to the Craft in Canada.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

J. C. FRANCK, *Chairman.*

Grand R. A. Chapter of Canada,
February 20th, A.D., 1861, A.I.,2391.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings of Grand Chapter.

The Grand Scribe E. submitted a petition signed by the requisite number of Royal Arch Masons, praying for a warrant of Constitution to enable them to erect a new Chapter in the City of Montreal, to be named "Caernarvon" Chapter.

The petition was on motion received.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R. E. Comp. E. Heathfield and adopted,—

That the prayer of the petitioners for a new "Caernarvon" Chapter, to be opened in the City of Montreal, be granted, and that the Grand Scribe E. be instructed to prepare and forward the same at the earliest date.

The Grand Council informed Grand Chapter, that the election of Officers for the ensuing year would take place on to-morrow, Thursday, at noon.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 9.30 o'clock, A.M., to-morrow.

THURSDAY, 21st February, 1861.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 11.30 o'clock, A.M.

The Grand Principals on the Throne.

Officers and Representatives.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Address from the M.E. Z., submitted the following

REPORT:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Address of the M.E. Z., begs most respectfully to report,—

That it joins in the congratulations of the M. E. Z., on the steady and satisfactory progress of our Order, and it is pleased to

note the granting of Dispensations for two new Chapters, viz: "Mount Moriah," at St. Catharines, and "Mount Horeb," at Brantford, and recommend their confirmation.

The appointment of E. Comp. Wm. Hay, as the Representative of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, at the Grand Chapter of Canada, is hailed by your Committee with great satisfaction and it recommends the confirmation thereof. It having been intimated that E. Comp. A. J. Stewart, would be acceptable at the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada, his appointment is also recommended.

Your Committee notice with regret, that the Supreme Grand Chapter of England has granted a Warrant for the establishment of a Royal Arch Chapter at the City of Ottawa, and that, although —before the same was submitted to that Grand Chapter—a question had very naturally arisen how far such action could be taken without infringing on the rights of this Grand Chapter. It is the opinion of your Committeee, that the Supreme Grand Chapter of England—before committing itself to such a policy—should not have referred the same to the three Grand Principals, and should not have decided such a question without first ascertaining the views of your Grand Body; nay, more, your Committee consider that the Supreme Grand Chapter of England should have deemed it proper and fraternal to advise this Grand Chapter of the steps proposed to be taken, with the reasons therefor and the law applicable thereto, so that this Grand Chapter would have obtained, by official communication, what is now laid before it in the form of an extract from a semi-official Masonic Magazine.

It also appears that, before the motion for granting the Warrant was adopted, some motives were placed upon record; but no motive can annul a compact entered into between two Supreme Bodies, as set forth in the official letter of the Grand Scribe E., of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, to the M.E.Z., of this Grand Chapter, dated the 10th day of February, 1860, in the following words:—"I am instructed to state, that in the name and on behalf of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, they, the Grand Principals, fully recognise the Grand Chapter of Canada; reserving, however, to all Chapters *now* in Canada, who are still holding Charters under the Grand Chapter of England, all their rights and privileges." Then, at the time of recognition, and then only, should the Supreme Grand Chapter of England have stipulated for such further rights as by their showing they now lay claim to; first, upon the assumption that it is the privilege of a Craft Lodge to demand, as of right, a Charter from the Supreme Grand Chapter, under the same jurisdiction as the Grand Lodge from which its Charter is derived, and which assumption cannot certainly be

sustained, or the prerogative of the Supreme Grand Chapter, to grant or refuse Warrants, would at once fall to the ground; but second, upon a treaty entered into between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Canada, that the privileges appertaining to subordinate Lodges working under Warrants from the Grand Lodge of England, in Canada, should be secured.

Your Committee hold that a Craft Lodge cannot claim any privileges but those given in its Charter, which certainly contains nothing about the right of receiving or conferring the Royal Arch degree; and even that did such privilege exist, the action of the Grand Lodge of Canada could have no effect upon this Grand Chapter, which holds its existence of itself alone, has been so recognised by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England as totally distinct from that of the Grand Lodge, and without any reference being made thereto.

Your Committee is pleased to learn, that the M.E.Z. of this Grand Chapter has given no countenance to this new Chapter, so unjustly erected within this jurisdiction by the Grand Chapter of England; and however unpleasant the task, it feels it to be a bounden duty, for the preservation of the rights of this Grand Body in its fullest integrity, to recommend that this Grand Chapter do not recognise the issue of a Chapter Warrant by the G. C. of E. to Dalhousie Lodge, No. 835. E.R., as regular or constitutional; and that the subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction be required neither to hold communion nor give countenance to any Companions hailing from the said Chapter; and that the action taken by this Grand Chapter in this matter, be communicated by the Grand Scribe E., to the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, in such terms as the Grand Z. may suggest.

Your Committee doubt not that the good wishes expressed by the M.E.Z. for this Grand Chapter, are most cordially and sincerely reciprocated.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

J. C. FRANCK,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. S. D. Fowler, seconded by R.E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, and unanimously adopted:—

That the Report from the Special Committee on the M. E. Z.'s Address, be received and adopted.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Reports from the Grand Superintendents from the various Districts, submitted the following

REPORT.

BELLEVILLE, C.W., 21st February, 1861.

To the M. E. Council and Companions of the Grand Chapter.

Your Committee begs most respectfully to report, that it is much pleased to find, from the Report of the Grand Superintendent for the Eastern Townships District, that "Golden Rule" Chapter is in such a prosperous condition; as also, that the "Bedford District" Chapter, at Dunham, and the "Dorchester" Chapter, at St. John's, are in a very fair stage of progression; and your Committee is very much satisfied at learning, that there is a strong tendency for working these several Chapters in accordance with the Ritual adopted by Grand Chapter; and it has no hesitation in stating, that under the able guidance of so worthy a Companion, that the latter named Chapter, over which he has been appointed to preside as 1st Principal Z., must succeed.

The Report of the Grand Superintendent for the Hamilton District, mentions that two Dispensations for new Chapters, during the past year, have been issued, the confirmation of which is recommended to your Grand Body. The action taken by the Grand Superintendent, regarding the double application for Chapters at Brantford, meets the entire concurrence of your Committee; and it is further recommended, that that portion of the Report which speaks of an amendment to the Constitution, be referred to the proper Committee.

The next Report before your Committee is from the Grand Superintendent of the London District, which exhibits capitular masonry in a flourishing condition. The remarks made by this eminent Companion, concerning the veils, are of the utmost importance; and to expedite the action of your Grand Body, when the notice of motion therein given comes up for discussion, your Committee recommend that a Committee on Constitution and Regulations be now appointed to take this matter into consideration, and to be prepared to report thereon at the next Annual Convocation.

The concluding Report under consideration, is from the Grand Superintendent of the Central District, which shows Royal Arch Masonry to be in a very progressive state and highly satisfactory; and your Committee have no doubt that, so long as the District is presided over by such worthy Companions, the Grand Chapter will at all times be presented with satisfactory reports.

Your Committee is likewise pleased to notice the number of Chapters in the Central District are likely to be increased, and fully concur in the remarks of the R.E. Companion, that "slow and sure" is the better course to be adopted; that a few Chapters well

managed in any District, is a source of much more pleasure to Grand Chapter than many in number in a state of non-progression and badly reported on.

All of which is most humbly submitted, with the hope that Grand Chapter will, from the short space of time allotted for considering the various topics brought under its notice, be pleased to accept with every due allowance.

GEORGE F. LaSERRE.
THOS. J. ANGEL.
EDWIN HEATHFIELD.

On the motion of E. Comp. David Curtis, seconded by E.Comp. Manuel Northrup,—

The Report from the Special Committee on the Reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts, was received and adopted.

The Grand Scribe E., submitted the following statement of monies received during the past year:—

Thomas B. Harris, Grand Scribe E., in Account with Grand Chapter.

1860.				Dr.	
Feb. 16.	To	cash from	Carleton Chapter,	No. 16, [Dispensation].	$ 40 00
"	"	"	Wawanosh	do. No. 15	12 00
March 8.	"	"	"	do. "	10 00
June 12.	"	"	King Solomon's	do. No. 8	3 00
Aug. 22.	"	"	Golden Rule	do. No. 9	19 00
1861.					
Jan. 8.	"	"	The Hiram	do. No. 2	24 00
"	"	"	St. George's	do. No. 5	9 00
" 25	"	"	Mount Horeb	do. [Dispensation]	40 00
Feb. 14.	"	"	Mount Moriah	do. "	40 00
"	"	"	Golden Rule	do. No. 9	2 00
" 15	"	"	St. John's	do. No. 6	81 00
"	"	"	Wawanosh	do.No.15	3 00
" 18	"	"	Anc't Frontenac	do. No.1	49 00
	"	"	Moira	do. No. 7	63 00
	"	"	Cataraqui	do. No. 12	12 00
	"	"	Oxford	do. No.18 [Warrant]	50 00
	"	"	Caernarvon,	do. [Warrant]	50 00
					$507 00

1860.	Cr.		
Feb. 8.	By balance due G. S., E.		$ 44 58
23.	" Gillespy & Robertson, pr. order G.C.(see vouch.)	78 50	
	" Telegraphs and expenses	19 83	
	" G. S., E., salary to Annual Convocation, 1860	300 00	
			398 33
	" Balance		64 09
			$507 00
	To balance on hand		$64 09

The Committee appointed on Finance and Audit, submitted the following

REPORT:

To the Most Excellent Council.

Your Committee on Audit and Finance, having examined the Books and Accounts of the G.S. E., begs leave to report that the same are found to be correct.

Your Committee likewise submit the following statement of the liabilities of Grand Chapter:—

Dr.

To Gillespy & Robertson, for Printing, &c.		$108 00
" F. Richardson, for Jewels and Collars, &c.		240 00
" John Ellis, engraving Plate for Certificates		160 00
" Engrossing Warrants, estimated		50 00
		$558 00

Cr.

By Cash on hand	$ 64 09	
" Amounts due by Subordinate Chapters, for Dues	533 50	
		$597 59

When these amounts are paid, it will leave a balance on hand of $39·59.

Your Committee regret to see so many of the Subordinate Chapters in arrears with their dues—in one instance, no less a sum than $172 being owed this Grand Chapter—and recommend that some action be taken by this Grand Chapter to compel payments of all arrears so due.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. H. PARKER.
F. MILO.
L. H. HENDERSON.

On the motion of R. E. Comp. A. A. Campbell, seconded by R. E. Comp. E. Heathfield, the Report from the Committee on Finance and Audit was received and adopted.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. C. Franck, seconded by R.E. Comp. A. A. Campbell, and unanimously adopted,—

That the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter be holden at the City of London.

R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson gave notice, that he would move an amendment to the Constitution, to alter the time of meeting of Grand Chapter.

On motion of R. E. Comp. E. Heathfield, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, and adopted,—

That Warrants of Constitution be granted to the "Mount Moriah" and "Mount Horeb" Chapters, under Dispensation; and that the Grand Scribe E. be authorised to prepare and issue the same without delay.

The M. E. Council appointed Companions Donald Moodie and E. J. Sisson, scrutineers.

The hour having arrived for the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year, the ballot was passed, and the following Companions declared duly elected:—

R. E. Comp.	John Charles Franck,	Grand	Z.
" " "	Edwin Heathfield,	"	H.
" " "	William B. Simpson,	"	J.
" " "	T. B. Harris, re-elected	"	Scribe E.
" " "	George W. Whitehead,	"	" N.
" " "	Thos. J. Angel,	"	Principal Sojourner.
" " "	David Curtis, Jun.,	"	Treasurer.
" " "	L. H. Henderson,	"	Registrar.
"	Thomas McMullin,	"	Janitor.

Nominated by the Chapters of their respective Districts as Grand Superintendents, and approved by the M. E. Z.

M. E. Comp.	Thompson Wilson,	G. Supt.	London	District.
R. " "	Thomas Duggan,	"	Hamilton	"
" " "	Francis Richardson	"	Toronto	"
" " "	George F. La Serre,	"	Central	"
" " "	H. L. Robinson	"	Eastern Townships	"

The elected Grand Officers present were installed, invested and proclaimed, in accordance with ancient custom.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to to meet at two o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 2·30, o'clock, P. M.

M. E. Comp. John C. Franck, Grand Z.
R. E. " Edwin Heathfield, " H.
" " " W. B. Simpson, " J.
On the Throne.

Officers and representatives.

The M. E. Z. was pleased to make the following appointments :

V. E. Comp. E. J. Sisson, Grand 1st Assistant Sojourner.
" " " Oliver Gable, " 2nd " "
" " " Thomas McCraken, Grand Sword Bearer.
" " " Manuel Northrup, " Standard Bearer.
" " " Donald Moodie, " Director of Ceremonies.
" " " Alex. M. Munro, " Organist.
" " " James M. Rogerson " Pursuivant.
" " " James Seymour, " George En Earl, " E. H. Parker, " G. T. Morehouse, " Stewards.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. A. A. Campbell, seconded by V. E. Comp. W. H. Ponton, and unanimously adopted,—

That the sum of $300 be granted from the funds of Grand Chapter, to the Grand Scribe E. for his services during the past year.

R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, gave the following notices of motion :—

That the annual fee, payable to the funds of Grand Chapter for each member on the Register of Subordinate Chapters, be 12½ cents, ; also,

To reconsider that portion of the Constitution referring to the balloting for candidates and the forms of application.

The M.E. Z. appointed the following Companions a Standing Committee on Constitution and Regulations, viz :—R. E. Comp. W. C. Stephens, Thomas B. Harris, and S. B. Harman.

The appointed Officers present were invested by the M. E. Z., with the collar and jewel of their office, and were proclaimed with the usual formalities.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to be present at an entertainment to be given under its patronage, and to meet on to-morrow, Friday, at 3, o'clock, P.M.

FRIDAY, 22nd February, 1861.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 3 o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Principals on the Throne.

Officers and Representatives.

It was moved by R.E. Comp. Harris, seconded by R. E. Comp. Thomas Duggan, and unanimously

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and are hereby tendered to the Officers and Companions of Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville, for the hospitality extended to the Representatives from a distance, and for the kind manner in which they contributed towards their comfort during the Convocation.

The labors of Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed in Ample form.

[ATTEST.]

Thos. B. Harris

G. S. E.

RETURNS

OF

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS,

RENDERED 31st JANUARY, 1861.

No. 1.—ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1797.

Stated Meeting—third Tuesday in every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E.	Comp.	George F. La Serre,	Z
"	"	John Robb,	H
V. "	"	Edward H. Parker,	J
	"	Chas D. Macdonnell,	Scribe E

Number of Members ..... 54.

No. 2.—THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1820.

Stated Meeting—first Monday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E.	Comp.	William Bellhouse,	Z
V. E.	"	James M. Rogerson,	H
"	"	William Irwin,	J
	"	John S. Henderson,	Scribe E

Number of Members ..... 71.

No. 3.—ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1844.

Stated Meeting—third Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E.	Comp.	James Moffatt,	Z
"	"	Alexander S. Abbott,	H
"	"	William Gordon,	J
	"	John Barry,	Scribe E

Number of Members ..... 43.

No. 4.—ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1847.

Stated Meeting—third Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. F. Richardson, Z
V. " " William R. Harris, H
" " W. G. Storm, J
" H. P. Brumell, Scribe E

Number of Members ..... 110.

No. 5.—ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1854.

Stated Meeting—fourth Friday in Feb., May, August and Sept.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Comp. Thompson Wilson, Z
" " James M. Bennett, H
" " P. J. Dunn, J
" A. G. Smith, Scribe E

Number of Members ..... 26.

No. 6.—ST JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1855.

Stated Meeting—second Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, Z
V. " " M. F. Shaler, H
" " " Thomas McCraken, J
" Thos. C. Macnabb, Scribe E

Number of Members ..... 42.

No. 7.—MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1856.

Stated Meeting—first Tuesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Comp. John C. Franck, Z
H
R. " " L. H. Henderson, J
" John A. Macinness, Scribe E

Number of Members ..... 47.

No. 8.—KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1857.

Stated Meeting—first Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. Kivas Tully,		Z
V. " " A. M. Munro,		H
" " " Oliver Gable,		J
" " " Daniel Spry,	Scribe	E

Number of Members.....71.

No. 9.—GOLDEN RULE CHAPTER, STANSTEAD.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1858.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday on or before full moon, in March, June, September and December.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. Elisha Gustin,		Z
" " W. B. Colby,		H
" " L. R. Robinson,		J
" C. H. Kathan,	Scribe	E

Number of Members.....23.

No. 10.—KILWINNING CHAPTER, LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1858.

Stated Meeting—first Monday in February, May, Aug., and Nov.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. William Daniel,		Z	No Ret'n.
		H	
		J	
" W. G. Chambers,	Scribe	E	

Number of Members.....20.

No. 11.—WILSON CHAPTER, WINDSOR.

ESTABLISHED, A.D., 1859.

Stated Meeting—first Monday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. W. J. Spicer,		Z	No Ret'n.
" " Thomas Boddy,		H	
" " Edwin Watson,		J	

No. 12.—CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

ESTABLISHED, A.D., 1850.—AFFILIATED, 1859.

Stated Meeting—second Monday in February, May, August and November.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	Francis Milo,		Z
V. " "	Edward J. Barker,		H
" "	Henry Dumble,		J
"	T. Summerville,	Scribe	E

Number of Members ..... 18.

No. 13.—STADACONA CHAPTER, QUEBEC.

ESTABLISHED, A.D., 1854. AFFILIATED, 1859.

Stated Meeting—second Thursday in Jan., April, July and October.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Richard Pope,		Z
" "	Alexander Duncan,		H
" "	Thomas Lambert,		J
"	James Hay,	Scribe	E

Number of Members ..... 52.

No. 14.—BEDFORD DISTRICT CHAPTER, DUNHAM.

ESTABLISHED, A.D., 1859.

Stated Meeting—Tuesday preceding full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	David Brown,	Z	No Ret'n.
" "	Rev. Joseph Scott,	H	
" "	William M. Pattison,	J	

Number of Members ..... 12.

No. 15.—WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA.

ESTABLISHED,—A.D., 1859.

Stated Meeting—second Friday in Jan'y. April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	George Masson,		Z
" "	William P. Vidal,		H
" "	William Burness,		J
"	H. D. Stewart,	Scribe	E

Number of Members ..... 17.

No. 16.—CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA.

ESTABLISHED,—A.D., 1859.

Stated Meeting—second Wednesday in March, June, Sept, and Dec.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp. Manuel Northrup, Z
" " James Wilson, H
" " James Salmon, J
" Donald M. Grant, Scribe E

Number of Members.....39.

No. 17.—DORCHESTER CHAPTER, ST. JOHNS'.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1860.

Stated Meeting—first Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. H. L. Robinson, Z
" " J. M. Clarke, H
" " M. Mitchell, J
" A. K. Laviscount, Scribe E

Number of Members.....19.

No. 18.—OXFORD CHAPTER, WOODSTOCK.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1860.

Stated Meeting—first Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp. George W. Whitehead, Z
" " R. A. Woodcock, H
" " Burton Bennett, J

Number of Members.....17.

No. 19.—MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, ST. CATHARINES.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1861.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp. James Seymour, Z
" " Edwin Goodman, H
" " Charles Peters Camp, J
" Theophilus Mack, Scribe E

No. 20.—MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, BRANTFORD.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1861.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	David Curtis, Jun.	Z
" "	Arunah Huntington,	H
" "	Edward R. Sullivan,	J

No. 21.—CAERNARVON CHAPTER, MONTREAL.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—third Thursday in Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	A. Bernard,	Z
" "	John Helder Isaacson,	H
" "	Lawrence L. Levey,	J

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

1861–2.

M. E. Comp.	John Charles Franck,	Grand Z.	
R. " "	Edwin Heathfield,	"	H.
" " "	William B. Simpson,	"	J.
" " "	Thomas Bird Harris,	"	Scribe E.
" " "	George W. Whitehead,	"	" N.
" " "	Thomas J. Angel,	"	Principal Sojourner.
" " "	David Curtis, Jun'r	"	Treasurer.
" " "	L. H. Henderson,	"	Registrar.
V. " "	E. J. Sisson,	"	First Ass't. Sojourner.
" " "	Oliver Gable,	"	Second " "
" " "	Thomas McCraken,	"	Sword Bearer.
" " "	Manuel Northrup,	"	Standard Bearer.
" " "	Donald Moodie,	"	Dir. of Ceremonies.
" " "	Alex. M. Munro,	"	Organist.
" " "	James M. Rogerson,	"	Pursuivant.
" " "	James Seymonr,	"	Stewards.
" " "	Geo. En Earl,		
" " "	E. H. Parker,		
" " "	G. T. Morehouse,		
"	Thos. C. Mullin,	"	Janitor.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

M. E. Comp.	Thompson Wilson,	*London District.*
R. " "	Thomas Duggan,	*Hamilton* "
" " "	Francis Richardson,	*Toronto* "
" " "	George F. La Serre,	*Central* "

LIST OF GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS,

WITH THE

NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF GRAND SCRIBES, E.

England	Wm. Grey Clarke	London.
Scotland	L. Mackersy	Edinburgh.
Ireland	Hon. Geo. Handcock	Dublin.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery.
Arkansas	James W. Finley	Little Rock.
California	L. C. Owens	San Francisco.
Canada	Thos. B. Harris	Hamilton.
Connecticut	E. G. Storer	New Haven.
Florida	John B. Taylor	Tallahassee.
Georgia	B. B. Russell	Augusta.
Indiana	Francis King	Indianapolis.
Illinois	H. G. Reynolds	Springfield.
Iowa	W. B. Langridge	Muscatine.
Kentucky	P. Swigert	Frankfort.
Louisiana	Samuel G. Risk	New Orleans.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland.
Maryland	A. Morris Smith	Washington.
Massachusetts	Thos. Waterman	Boston.
Michigan	J. Eastman Johnson	White Pigeon.
Minnesota	A. T. C. Pierson	St. Paul's.
Mississippi	R. W. T. Daniel	Jackson.
Missouri	A. O'Sullivan	St. Louis.
New Hampshire	Horace Chase	Hopkinton.
New York	J. O. Cole	Albany.
New Jersey	J. Woolverton	Trenton.
North Carolina	Thomas B. Carr	Wilmington.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Pennsylvania	Wm. H. Adams	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Samuel B. Swan	Providence.
South Carolina	E. Thayer	Charleston.
Tennessee	C. A. Fuller	Nashville.
Texas	A. S. Ruthven	Galveston.
Vermont	John B. Hollenbeck	Burlington.
Virginia	John Dove	Richmond.
Wisconsin	W. T. Palmer	Milwaukee.

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